## BUILDING ACTIVITY IN EASTERN

BUILDING AND BUSINESS.

Activity In Real Estate Increased About the State-Not Many New Projects.

The record of real estate sales last week, as shown by the warranty deeds filed in the various Connecti-cut towns reported by The Commer-cial Record is somewhat larger than in the like week of last year, which is also the case in the amount of mortgage loans. The figures for the current week show 245 sales, with mortgage loans of \$775,271, comparing with 192 sales and mortgage loans of \$815.471 a year ago.

New companies formed in this state for the week numbered 13, with total capital stock of \$1,222,525, while during the same week of last year there were eight new incorporations, having aggregate capital stock of \$247,000, Petitions in bankruptcy for the week Petitions in bankruptcy for the week numbered 3, with assets of \$2,211 and liabilities of \$14,641, a considerably better showing than that of a year ago, when there were 12 petitions, with total assets of \$35,674 and liabilities of \$33,867.

bilities of \$63,867.

The volume of building, as is usual during the holiday period, is lower ual during the holiday period, is lower than for some weeks past and also lower than a year ago at this time. Last week 46 permits were issued in the cities of New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford, Waterbury and Stamford, comparing with 52 last year and 51 in 1913. The cost of buildings last week totaled \$259.915, comparing with \$234.625 last year and \$147.765 in 1913.

The largest contracts awarded last week were for factory work in New Haven and Bridgeport, where large additions are to be made to the ammunition plants in those cities. Other contracts included addition to state armory in Stamford, schoolhouse in New Haven, residence work in New

New Haven, residence work in New Haven, Bridgeport and Hartford, and theatre in Westport. A number of smaller houses for one and two families are reported throughout the state.

Not many new projects were reported last week due probars to the holiday season. Plans are being prepared for two apartment buildings in Bridgeport, also a large fireproof factory: in Hartford bids will be called for soon for two large apartment houses and contractors are now sub-mitting estimates for a store and apartment block; two-family houses are reported in all the larger cities of the state and there is much other work contemplated which will be teady for figures later, making the outlook for the early part of the coming year better than for several years. Norwich had 16 sales of real estate last week compared with seven for the same week last year. The mortgage

INROADS OF PNEUMONIA

Three Succumb Within Short Period-Malady Prevalent in Bridgeport.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 29.—Charles lights. A the plans. from pneumonia, making the third death in the fearly from the control of the plans.

hundreds of cases of grip, many of them bordering on pneumonia. Local hospitals are filled and factories especially have been struck by the mala-dies, one concern having about 40 per dies, one concern having about 40 per cent, of its employes suffering from

Newtown—Edgar C. Page, 67, post-master of Sandy Hook for eight years, died Monday night, following a stroke of apoplexy that afternoon.

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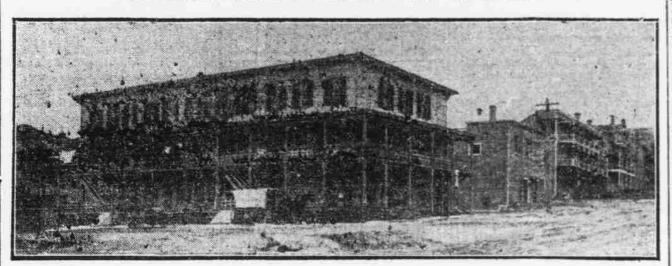
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#### IRON CASTINGS

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COMPLETED BUSINESS BLOCKS AT TAFTVILLE



### Several Taftville Buildings Completed

Former Pratte Block, New Moving Picture Theatre and Graham Block on Merchants Avenue Among Those Now Finished—Other Buildings Approaching Completion-Hopkins & Allen Arms Company to Have New Office Location—Two Story Residence for Golden Street -Sub Contracts Let for Residences Being Zuilt by Norwich Housing Company.

Merchants avenue. Taftville, have been completed. The completed buildings include the block located at the conner of the two avenues, Dr. Thompson's new moving picture theatre and the new Graham block on Merchants avenue. The corner block, which was for-

last week compared with seven for the same week last year. The mortgage loans were \$2,700 and \$8,600 for the respective weeks. In New London there were eleven sales of realty last week to five a year ago, the loans for the two weeks being \$56,225 and \$3,190 for the respective weeks.

INDOANT not totally destroyed, and it was found necessary to practically rebuild. In size it is 90x30 feet and three stories high. On the first floor are six stores and on the second and third floors are four flats eight rooms each. ON STRATFIELD FAMILY. The old French roof was removed and another full story was built. The present roof is of modern construction and has heavy cornices. Each flat has bath, hot and cold water and electric Architect C. H. Preston drew

The New Theatre.

from pneumonia, making the third death in the family from the same discording his wife and grandchild.

Five deaths have occurred in this city within a brief period and according to Health Offlicer E. A. McLellan, who today issued a warning to Bridge-port residents, the city may soon be facing a nepidemic, which is now raging in the west, according to the most modern construction. The the formation he has received from health departments in that section. Doctors report that they are confronted with stage at the rear. The ventuation is corefully provided for as are also the steam heat, electric wiring and seating and the booth is of fireproof construction, to comply with the state laws.

Graham Block Rebuilt,

Colds are not as dangerous as roup, but they frequently develop into something more serious and should be

have gone to roost, its ening for sneezing and coughing in order to isolate the birds who show the slightest symptoms of colds. Whenever birds are fed the poultryman should glance over his flock carefully to observe individuals that show signs.

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If these colds are not too severe

and their recovery will soon follow.

Treat these individuals with a 2 per cent solution of crude carbolic acid by spraying nostrils and throat or swabbing them out with a feather dipped in the solution. Where fowls

the birds may be isolated in warm, airy coops and fed stimulating foods,

of colds.

During the past month several of a whole building depth. On the upper he six or eight new business blocks floors are four large flats of eight eing erected on Hunter's avenue and rooms each, all finished in natural wood. There are large balconies run-ning the whole length of the build-ing. Architect Preston drew the plans

for this building New Office for H. & A. Co.

A section of the Underwood property recently purchased by the Hopkins & Allen Arms company and located on Franklin street, just north of the main building of the gun plant, is to be utilized by the company as an office, and will be occupied as soon as the present occupants of the building vacate. Some changes will have to be made in the building to provide suitable accommodations for the company's office force, and a steel bridge will connect the main building with the new office. The bridge will connect the second floors and will be constructed interest to the second floors and will be constructed in the second floors and the second floors are second floors. structed just as soon as possible. The contract has not yet been let. Machinery is to be set up in the space

occupied by the present office.

Contractors Peck & McWilliams have completed the construction of the new dry kiln for the Hopkins & Allen company and it is now ready to re-ceive the stocks. The kiln is built on

New House for Golden Street. Graham Block Rebuilt.

James Graham, another of the losers in the big fire, has rebuilt his property on Merchants avenue. This building le 87x38 feet in size and three wooden frame construction and will stories high. On the first floor there is one store 22 feet wide having whole building depth and there are also two conveniences and the interior will be stories as a feet will be stories as a feet will be stories as a feet will be stories.

#### Sub-Contracts Awarded.

Sub-contracts for the 20 houses to be erected by the Norwich Housing company have been awarded as fol-

Exterior and interior trim, H. B. Porter & Son company; plumbing, tin-ning and heating, J. P. Barstow & company; plastering, A. E. Cruthers; electric wiring, Eaton Chase & com-pany; painting, Henry Beausolell. C. Morgan Williams is the general con-tractor. The houses are being con-structed for the accommodation of the mployes of the Hopkins & Allen Arms empany.

#### MIDDLETOWN.

Bacon Bros, have been awarded the contract for the plumbing, heating and metal work, Walter A. Blau the electric work and Frank M. McCarthy the painting in connection with the remodeling of the residence at 376 Washington street for Mrs. E. C. Ach-

August Ahlberg has the contract for the carpenter work for the house to be remodeled on Prospect street for August Johnson. The house will contain six rooms, provided with all mod-ern conveniences. George Griswold is the architect.

#### FISHERS ISLAND.

Scaled proposals will be received until January 6, 1916, for the construction of a new schoolhouse here. from plans drawn by Architect Wilson Potter, 3 Union square, New York. Bids will be received for the general contract, including all work and also for the entire contract with the exception of the heating. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. George D. Clark is chairman and R. C. Shanklin, secretary of the building committee. building committee.

#### PORTLAND. The new residence being erected on

Main street, Portland, for C. E. Da-vis, is now being plastered. Donald McKenzie has the carpenter work, Gustay L. Peterson the mason work, W. H. Wetherby the plumbing and

IN NEW ENGLAND. Statistics of Hullding Operations in

Contracts	to	Dec.	27	1915. 1	\$175,465.00
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Contracts				1961	120,225,0

The first requirement for alfalfa tables, shrubs and outdoor p says Prof. Arthur D. Cromwell is good plants which are subject to checked as soon as they are discovered. Every poultryman should make a practice two or three times a week of going over his birds after they over the control of going over his birds after they over the control of going over his birds after they over the control of going over his birds after they over the control of going over his birds after they over his birds after the going over his birds after the going over his birds after the going after the going over his birds after the g falfa, when once well established, will come nearer making its own way, while growing paying crops, than will any other farm crop; yet this fact must be faced, namely, during the first year alfalfa plants are delicate little plants which respond readily to liberal feeding. Alfalfa wants well drained soil. It will do well on on loose sandy or stony soil. It will not live with its head in water.

The alfalfa seed is small and cannot hold its own against many of the advisable for those who are going to need this material during the coming year to figure up their needs and get together with their neighbors to buy where it can be bought to the best advantage considering the guar-

#### FOR BUTCHERING.

Clear Cool Weather Desirable-Curing of Hams and Shoulders.

oot hold its own against many of the weeds. Kill the weeds beforehand by disking and plowing, by cultivating and hoeing a season before the alfalfa is sown. The bottom of the seed bed

good shape (the trimmings can be used for sausage and scrapple): rub them with a mixture in this proportion: For every 100 pounds of meat use four pounds of sait, a pound of brown sugar and two ounces of sait-peter. Mix, and thoroughly rub ato the meat, skin and all, and push some tinto the hock around the bone. It is well to push some extra sait around the bone and through the hole made for the hang-string. Lay the hams on a board, skin side down; any of the mixture that you can not rub into them pile on top; at the end of a week, rub the rest of it in. After lying for another week hang them in a cool, dark smokehouse; Keep up a faint smoke every day from hickory and apple chips, smothered with sawdust. While the weather is cool it will not hurt them to hang a week or two, as slow smoking gives a delicate flavor.

Before files come in the spring, dust cavenne pepper around the bone.

flavor.

Before flies come in the spring, dust cayenne pepper around the bone, wrap each ham closely in paper and sew muslin around it before hanging up. The muslin may be covered with thick whitewash or dipped in meited paraffine; but we have never found such extra precautions necessary if the meat is covered before it is atthe meat is covered before it is at-tacked by files.

#### FEEDING THE HENS. It Pays Well to Pay Attention to Rations That Produce the Eggs.

If one pen of your hens cared for by Son Joe laid only one dozen eggs per week and another pen tended by Son George laid six dozen per week, and continued this same rate of laying throughout the year, you would investigate the matter, wouldn't you? Writes F. W. Orr in Farm and Firestide. And if you found each pen contained just thirty hens of same age and hatched from eggs laid by the same parent stock, the problem would become right interesting, wouldn't it?

Mr. Prentice Moore, poultryman at Put a lump of rock sait in each

same parent stock, the problem would become right interesting, wouldn't it?

Mr. Prentice Moore, poultryman at the Idaho Experiment Station, cared for two pens of White Leghorns, 30 pullets to the pen, from November 1, 1914, to November 31, 1915. These hens, in both pens, were progeny of the same parent stock, and looked equally promising at the beginning of the test. One pen averaged 24.6 eggs

The poor-laying hens were fed a mixture of fifteen parts wheat, two parts oats, and two parts barley, also grit and green food, but no mash.

The hens in the better laying pen were fed a grain mixture composed of twelve parts wheat two parts over twelve parts wheat, two parts corn, three parts oats, two parts barley, one part kafir corn, one part millet, onehalf part sunflower seed, and one part buckwheat. They were also fed a dry mash made up of one part wheat meal, two parts bran, two parts white shorts, one part corn-meal, two parts

fish-meat meal, and one per cent charcoal. This pen was also fed oys-ter shell, grit, green feed, and dry granulated bone.

Both pens were fed the scratch feed in deep litter. The hens in the poor-laying pen

quality of White Leghorn stock.

#### HORSES.

Some Good Points Advanced for Their Care During Winter.

The extra farm teams that are to be wintered as cheaply as possible without work, should have their shoes removed at once. Do not stuff these horses with hay r straw; such feeding induces indi-

A moderate amount of hay and a small grain ration are more economical, and much better for the horses. These horses, as well as those at work, should have a bran mash at least once each week.

#### FARM PROPERTY INVENTORY.

Before one is able to close up his farm account books for the year it will be necessary to obtain an inventory of all investments on the farm in the form of machinery, livestock, feed and supplies, buildings and land. etc. This is also necessary to have to begin the new year's accounts. During the next week or 10 days one should plan to get an inventory of all property and start the year properly. The league again desires to emphasize the importance of this part of the moved, the allied nations, "now band-farm records and is willing to aid of together against the tyrange." count books which are available. The farm account book which has been published by the league may be ob-

#### WHAT THE BOY SCOUTS ARE DOING

Troop 3. On Wednesday last Troop 3 enter-tained Troops 5 and 8 at the Y. M. C. On Wednesday and S at the Y, M. C. anined Troops 5 and S at the Y, M. C. A. There was one member of Troop 5 present and 12 from Troop S. First, all went down on the gym floor and played games, after which Mr. Case gave a talk on the third statement of gave a talk on the third statement of the scout oath, corresponding to the talk on the third statement of the most important. To bottle with, courtesy demands a great deal of self-control. One as unnecessary question, as "Google as unnecessary qu steirs and had cocon and cookies.
Three scouts volunteered to wash
dishes. Members of Troop 2 entertained the visiting troops downstairs.

Young and Gerald Dingivan in Troop 2, Ray D. Gilmore, assistant scout-master for Troop 3.

stairs and had cooked and cooked. Three scouts volunteered to wash dishes. Members of Troop 2 entertained the visiting troops downstairs.

Troop 6.

Nearly every member of Troop 6 was present on Monday evening. Scout Commissioner Bruce was present and conducted a spelldown on tenderfoot questions. Several points here were explained by five Mr. Coleman, Games were then played under the direction of Fhilips Cook, after which "sout and cooks were alloyed.

Colchester Hise.

Ing ishing?" when you have a rod in your hand, it is hard to make a contribution of south the first into the deaths of Edward and Sidney Krause, as how you is fresh. I feel pretty and stooms of Assay after their seats allowed a perilemen in the conducted a spelldown on tenderfoot questions. Several points here were explained by five Mr. Coleman, Games were then played under the direction of Fhilips Cook, after which "sout and cooks were enjoyed.

Colchester Hise. wuch Trouble Due to Negligance of Owners In Gase of Birds.

There are no poultry diseases of Birds.

There are no poult the s heat, sicken me. Also, when you krauses.

It developed today that Mrs. Krause before leaving the house with the boys before leaving the house with the boys before you are in a hurry and bump people about in a crawl. Remember.

West Krauses.

It developed today that Mrs. Krause before leaving the house with the boys bad destroyed every picture of the witer you are in a hurry and bump people about in a crawl. Remember.

Mrs. Krauses.

It developed today that Mrs. Krause before leaving the house with the boys had destroyed every picture of the witer and the naturalization papers of her husband.

in the is believed to be injurious to alterial and can be got in Connecticut at reasonable prices.

ARSENATE GROWING MORE COSTLY.

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Dr. Greil repeated her story of the incident, as previously told in cable despatches and described in detail how she entered her stateroom just as a shell from the submarine burst through a port hole and killed a maid. Mrs. Greil declined to state specifically will average five per cent, for all employes were posted today in cotton mills in various cities of north-grown in the way to Washington to make a deposition for the state department regarding the Ancona.

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wounded before being taken off the Ancona.

No warning was given the Ancona. Dr. Greil added, the presence of the submarine first being known when a shot crashed into the forward part of the ship.

"Naturally there was much confusion," Dr. Greil said, "but of the action of the crew I do not desire to say anything. Fifteen lifeboats were launched but only eight got away safely. I had to jump from the deck of the ship, about twenty-five feet, to the boat in which I took refuge.

"Fully fifty people, most of them

of the snip, about twenty-live leet, the boat in which I took refuge.

"Fully fifty people, most of them wounded by shells from the submarine or by flying debris, were on the decks of the Ancona when she went down. They had not been able to get to the boats after the ship began to rence and later in the day a conference of mill treasurers was held in

#### KIDNEY TROUBLE LEADS TO TERRIBLE TORTURE

Hundreds of sufferers from pains in the back and sides, bladder and urinary disorders, lumbago, rheumatism, dizziness, puffy eweilings under the eyes or in the feet and ankles, nervousness, tired or worn-out or headschy feeling, don't seem to realize that the greater part of all sickness today can be avoided by keeping the kidneys working properly. If you suffer from any of the many agonies that accompany weak clogged-up or diseaseed kidneys you should not neglect yourself another day and run the risk of serious compilications. Secure a package of Solvax, the wonderful new kidney remedy, which is very inexpensive yet acts quickly and surely on the seat of the trouble. You'll be surprised how entirely different you'll feel in a very short time.

It doesn't matter how long you have

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There is no time like the present to do a thing that ought to be done. If anyone has kidney trouble today is the best time to begin curing it.

that woolen as well as cotton mills would be affected.

No statement was made regarding the probable action of the print cloth mills. It was pointed out in this con-nection that the shortage of dyes and the consequent increase in cost production might delay any wage ad-

BRITISH GRAND FLEET

HAS NOT SEEN ACTION But Has Been the Foundation on Which Everything Has Rested.

London, Dec. 29, 5.32 n. m - "The equally promising at the beginning of the test. One pen averaged 24.6 eggs per hen during the year, the other 128.5 eggs per hen. Both lots were confined in yards 50 feet square. The poor-laying hens were fed a mixture of fifteen parts wheat, two mixture of fifteen parts wheat, two mixture of a dead horse. It is costly in either case.

Never leave home without a blanket for your horse. Cover the horse if you stop only a short time.

A heated horse will chill quickly if stopped in a cold wind. In a few minutes of the chill the mischief is done, and you have an unsound or a dead horse. It is costly in either case. summary by A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty of the lessons to be derived from a moving picture record of the activities of the fleet, over the

first production of which he presided this afternoon. Mr. Balfour declared that the film shown was "packed with lessons of the deepest import to Britons and to the world.'

The success of all the land opera-tions of the allies from Archangel on the north to the Persian gulf, ultied together against the tyranny of the central powers" would be cut off from the outer world and from each other. He doubted whether the mag-nitude of the task thrown upon the British navy and "so far triumphant-ly accomplished" was yet realized. "Though slient," said the first lord, "It is performing at this moment not alone for the allies but for the whole

alone for the allies, but for the whole world, the greatest, the most important part in the drama now being played out for the freedom of the world. The world has yet to know how much it owes to the British fiest and how the assured victory which is coming to us in the future is coming at least as much as the gift of the British navy as of the splendid valor of the ailled troops, whether British

HAD DESTROYED EVERY PICTURE OF HER CHILDREN.

Mother Who Drowned Two Sons in Milford Reservoir

Mrs. Krause was not present at the

hearing, being confined at the co CHECKS FOR HOLDERS OF CONNECTICUT BONDS

Sont Out by Treasurer Chamberlain-Amount to \$116,860. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 29.—State Treasurer F. S. Chamberlain sent out today 105 checks to holders of Con-

INCREASES FOR necticut state 4 per cent, registered bonds, to pay the half yearly interest which falls due Jan. 1, 1916. The checks amount to \$116,860. The semiannual interest on the coupon bonds amounts to \$83,140 and is paid on presentation of coupons. Ford Will Arrive Saturday. New York, Dec. 29.—Henry Ford, returning on the steamship Bergens-

force from his peace expedition, will arrive in New York Saturday, ac-cording to a wireless message received today by the Norwegian-America line

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It was eleven hours before the alfalfa story out the leaf lard force curing it. Strip out the leaf lard fand hang it where there is a circulation of cool dry air. Cure it as soon in August following oats or wheat, disking the soil gives the best results. There are two methods of curing pork—the brine and they cure. Both are good, but for the richer flavor the dry cure is the better, for brine destroys some of the stubble on the surface to act ag a conference of mill treasurers was held in the weture here is a circulation of cool dry air. Cure it as soon in August following oats or wheat, disking the soil gives the best results.

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